

Meeting called to order in the BOS Meeting Room at the Milford Town Hall at 7:05pm

Present:

Full members: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart, Alternate members: Chris Costantino, Rodney Dellafelice. Kim Rimalover, Vice Chair, excused

In attendance: 2 MHS Civics Class students observing a public meeting and their advisor, Suzanne Fournier

Minutes: The approval of the February 2013 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously on a motion by Hub and seconded by Andy H

Discussion Items

1. Warrant Article – 2013 Warrant Article request for \$20,000 for the Conservation Land Fund was approved by 60% of the voters. The commission is very grateful for the continued support of the townspeople.
2. Tucker Brook Town Forest Timber Harvest
 - a. There was a hike of the timber sale on Saturday. A notice was in the Cabinet. There were 4 abutters, 4 commissioners and 2 other interested people accompanying Dan Reed of New England Forestry Consultants, who is managing the timber sale. The walk was to view the marked trees and offer the community an opportunity to ask questions about the timber sale.
 - b. Andy asked that if the timber sale doesn't occur in the next 3 weeks, if it could be postponed until at least late July/early August to allow nesting birds peace and quiet.
 - c. Either Chris or Audrey will check with the trails committee to see if they would like to have lumber from the timber sale. Dan Reed feels that the cost of the lumber would be higher than buying it from the local lumber yards.
 - d. Chris will ask if Rick Riendeau, DPW director, has need of chips around town.
 - e. On a motion by Hub, seconded by Andy, Audrey will contact Dan Reed to let him know that we are ready for him to start the bid process for a logger.
3. Membership and Officers
 - a. On a motion by Chris, seconded by Janet; Audrey will continue to be the Chair of the Commission
 - b. On a motion by Andy, seconded by Chris; Hub will be the Vice Chair for the next year
 - c. Audrey and Hub need to renew their terms. Chris will check with Dawn Griska about the BOS appointment schedule
4. ADA trail policy
 - a. Andy will make a grid of the possible trail hazards that may be encountered on the trails, which can be individualized for each trail. This will be posted at the trail head kiosks.
 - b. Chris will make the discussed changes to the draft and post the next version in dropbox for discussion at the April meeting.
5. P&P Manual
 - a. Hub and Chris will work on this and have something by the end of April for review
6. 4th Sat Hike
 - a. March hike is March 23 at the Rail Trail. Starting at DPW. Shuttle service from the Brookline parking area back to DPW will be provided. Chris will leave her van there.
 - b. April hike is April 27 at Mayflower. Janet and Andy H will lead
7. Emerson Rd/Rt13/Armory Rd Intersection
 - a. Chris will write up comments from the commission in response to a request from CDM
 - i. Any wetlands are not visible due to snow cover – a site walk will be scheduled when the snow cover is gone.
 - ii. The commission looks forward to seeing the site plans delineating the wetlands and buffers and any impacts before being able to comment on the proposed project.
8. Souhegan River Trail Bridges
 - a. Due to ground conditions, the bog bridge proposed for the SRT West will not be installed until fall, weather permitting. Jon Thunberg won't build the bridge until later in the summer. He will arrange

a work day to clear the knot weed and move the bridge over the Purgatory Brook swale to line up with the cleared knotweed.

- b. Jon submitted a revised design for the bridge spanning the overflow swale from the Souhegan River on SRT East. The Tromblys had cleared the brush and a nearby bridge had been widened and repaired.
- c. On a motion by Andy, seconded by Janet; Jon and the Trails Committee may spend up to \$700 to build Option 1 bridge.
- d. Chris will investigate whether or not hand rails need to be added to the design.
- e. Audrey will talk to Larry Kimball about the time for completing the ramps on either end of the Wheeler Bridge.

9. Interdepartmental Reviews

- a. Map 44 Lot 11 – parking slab next to Walgreens on Nashua Street. The members remember previous discussion about the back lot having a lot of water. Allowing the proposed subdivision of the lot will create a back lot with limitations due to the amount of wetlands, Level II Groundwater Protection Area and a wetlands crossing for a driveway. Chris will look into this for the members
- b. Map 53 Lot? – the Commission thinks that the waiver from the requirement to have the wetlands and steep slopes delineated should be denied. It is hard to tell if this is a buildable lot without having both marked.

10. 2013 Expo

- a. Audrey will send 10 potential vendors names to Andy for him to contact
- b. Rodney will talk to Fuzzies about being a food vendor
- c. Janet will contact Quartz Source and Stoneyfield Yogurt about their possible participation in the Expo as a demo or a vendor
- d. Chris will contact Hampshire Hills about
 - i. Becky hiding a temporary geocache for demo purposes
 - ii. Requirements/limitations for food vendors at the Expo
 - iii. Available space by the back loading door for the Boy Scouts to set up a campfire and demo campfire cooking
- e. Becky will contact Brian Hawkins about combining letterboxing with her geocaching demo
- f. Chris will follow up a contact with Ciardelli Fuels about their level of sponsorship of the Expo.

- 11. Suzanne Fournier, coordinator for the Brox Environmental Citizens group, told the commission that BEC would be holding work sessions to work on a conservation plan for Brox. She invited the commission to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm